

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 9-10, 13-14, 19-24, 27-28 and 31-33 are amended, and claims 15-18 and 34-37 are withdrawn with this response. The claim amendments made herein are not narrowing amendments, and no new matter is added.

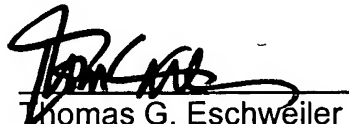
The Office Action dated April 8, 2005 indicates that claims 1-37 are subject to a restriction requirement, and requests election among claims drawn to a method and apparatus for processing a differential PAM signal (Group A: claims 1-14 and 19-33), and a method and apparatus for controlling a gain of a DSP (Group B: claims 15-18 and 34-37). ***Applicants hereby elect Group A corresponding to claims 1-14 and 19-33 without traverse.***

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

In addition, should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, INFNP118US.

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